

Please amend claims 8, 12, 13 and 14 as follows:

8. (Amended) A plug-in unit to be mounted in a sub-rack unit [including connectors], comprising:

A1 a printed board to be connected with the sub-rack unit;

a metal case including top and bottom faces, and parallel first and second side faces perpendicular to the top and bottom faces so as to cover said printed board; and

first and second spring members for elastically pressing outward the first and second side faces of said metal case, respectively, against ribs of the sub-rack unit by resilient force thereof when said plug-in unit is mounted in the sub-rack unit.

12. (Amended) A communication device comprising:

a sub-rack unit comprising:

a back wiring board having connectors; and

A2 first and second guide rail parts being attached to a top side and a lower portion of said sub-rack unit, respectively;

a plurality of plug-in units being inserted along the first and second guide rail parts into said sub-rack unit to be plugged into the connectors of said sub-rack unit;

a member for forming an air reservoir room formed under the second guide rail parts; and

a plurality of motor-fan units each having a motor fan, said motor-fan units being detachably plugged into said sub-rack unit under said member for forming the air reservoir room so that the motor-fan units and said member for forming an air reservoir room are sealably integrated with each other.

13. (Amended) The communication device as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

each of said motor-fan units further comprises a lid member provided on the motor fan, the lid member including a packing around the motor fan and a projection part formed on an end portion thereof, the end portion being in a direction in which each of said motor-fan units is plugged into said sub-rack unit, the projection part having a top face tilt in said direction; and

the packing is compressed to allow the lid member to be pressed against a bottom face of said member for forming the air reservoir room when each of said motor-fan units is plugged into said sub-rack unit.

14. (Amended) The communication device as claimed in claim 12, further comprising:

a filler plug-in unit having the same size and resistance to airflow as each of said plug-in units, the filler plug-in unit being filled into a space left in said sub-rack unit.

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on September 12, 2002. Claims 1 - 15 are pending in the present application, with claims 9 - 11 and 15 having been withdrawn from consideration. Applicants amend claims 8, 12, 13 and 14. No new matter is introduced.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1 - 7 are allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 8 and 13 - 14 are rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject